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1. ALTHOUGH POST HAS HAD RELATIVELY FEW ARREST CASES INVOLVING AMERI

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CANS, OUR EXPERIENCE AGREES WITH THE INFORMATION GIVEN BY EMBASSY
PARIS WITH REGARD TO THE AVAILABILITY AND RELATIVE QUALITY OF
LEGAL COUNSEL FOR AMERICANS ARRESTED IN FRANCE. EMBASSY S DESCRIP-
TION OF FRENCH PUBLIC DEFENDER APPLIES HERE AS WELL.

2. FREE LEGAL REPRESENTATION IS READILY AVAILABLE IN THE STRASBOURG
AREA. AS IN PARIS, COURT APPOINTED COUNSEL HAS BEEN RARE FOR
ACCUSED AMERICANS SINCE MOST HAVE HAD SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO RETAIN
PRIVATE ATTORNEYS. IN THE FEW CASES WHERE AN ATTORNEY WAS
APPOINTED, THE ONLY MARKED DIFFERENCE IN PERFORMANCE FROM THAT
OF A PRIVATE ATTORNEY SEEMED TO BE A LACK OF CONSCIENTIOUSNESS
IN VISITING PRISONERS, ESPECIALLY IF THEY WERE LOCATED AT SOME
DISTANCE FROM WHERE THE ATTORNEY PRACTICED. ALTHOUGH THIS WAS
IRRITATING TO THE PRISONER, THE QUALITY OF LEGAL REPRESENTATION
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